

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Previously Presented)** A method of programming a television receiver, the receiver operable to receive a plurality of television channels, the receiver comprising an automatic tuner, the automatic tuner being operable to automatically tune the receiver to a particular channel, the particular channel corresponding to an ID code, said method comprising:

 receiving a first broadcast television program with the receiver, the first broadcast television program being received on a first channel during a first time period;

 receiving a commercial corresponding to a second television program with the receiver, the commercial being received on the first channel during a second time period, the second time period being within the first time period;

 receiving the ID code with the receiver, the ID code being received on the first channel during the second time period;

 if a user instruction is received during the second time period, activating the receiver during the second time period to extract and store the ID code; and

 automatically tuning the receiver to a second channel after the first period if the stored ID code is detected on the second channel.

2. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of types of ID codes comprises repeating ID codes, bait ID codes, capture ID codes, and programming ID codes.

3. **(Original)** The method of claim 2, wherein the types of programming ID codes further comprise:

a first type of programming ID code including information relating to a start date, and a start time;

a second type of programming ID code including information relating to a start date, a start time, and an end time;

a third type of programming ID code including information relating to a start date, and a duration;

a fourth type of programming ID code including information relating to a start date, a start time, and a data stream;

a fifth type of programming ID code including information relating to a start date, a start time, an end time, and a data stream; and

a sixth type of programming ID code including information relating to a start date, a duration, and a data stream.

4. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the differentiating portion of the ID code comprises two bits.

5-10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Previously Presented)** A method of programming a television receiver comprising:

receiving a first broadcast television program with the receiver, the first broadcast television program being received on a first channel of a plurality of channels during a first time period;

receiving a commercial corresponding to a second television program with the receiver, the commercial being received on the first channel during a second time period, the second time period being within the first time period;

receiving the ID code with the receiver, the ID code being received on the first channel during the second time period;

if a user instruction is received during the second time period, activating the receiver during the second time period to extract and store the ID code;

monitoring the plurality of television channels following the second time period; and

if the ID code is detected on the plurality of television channels following the second time period, automatically tuning the receiver to a second channel of the plurality of television channels on which the ID code was detected.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 11, further comprising displaying during the second period an availability indicator.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 11, wherein the user instruction comprises a signal transmitted from a remote control in response to a user button press.

14. **(Currently Amended)** A method of programming a television receiver comprising:

receiving a first broadcast television program with the receiver, the first broadcast television program being received on a first channel of a plurality of channels during a first time period;

receiving a commercial corresponding to a second television program with the receiver, the commercial being received on the first channel during a second time period, the second time period being within the first time period;

receiving an ID code with the receiver, the ID code being received on the first channel during the second time period;

if a user instruction is received during the second time period, activating the receiver during the second time period to extract and store the ID code;

~~extracting a program time and program channel from the ID code; and~~

~~at the program time and after expiration of the first period, automatically tuning the receiver to a second channel of the plurality of television channels corresponding to the program channel~~

automatically tuning the receiver to a second channel after the first period if the stored ID code is detected on the second channel.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 14, further comprising displaying during the second period an availability indicator.

16. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 14, wherein the user instruction comprises a signal transmitted from a remote control in response to a user button press.

17. **(Previously Presented)** A method of programming a television receiver comprising:

receiving a first broadcast television program with the receiver, the first broadcast television program being received on a first channel of a plurality of channels during a first time period;

receiving a commercial corresponding to a second television program with the receiver, the commercial being received on the first channel during a second time period, the second time period being within the first time period;

receiving a bait code with the receiver, the bait code being received on the first channel during the second time period;

if a user instruction is received during the second time period, activating the receiver during the second time period to store the bait code;

decoding the bait code to generate a capture code; and

monitoring the plurality of television channels following the second time period; and

if the capture code is detected on the plurality of television channels following the second time period, automatically tuning the receiver to a second channel of the plurality of television channels on which the capture code was detected.

18. **(Previously Presented)** A system comprising:

a television receiver, the receiver operable to receive a plurality of television channels, the receiver comprising an automatic tuner, the automatic tuner being operable to automatically tune the receiver to a particular channel, the receiver programmed to:

receive a first broadcast television program with the receiver, the first broadcast television program being received on a first channel during a first time period;

receive a commercial corresponding to a second television program with the receiver, the commercial being received on the first channel during a second time period, the second time period being within the first time period;

receive an ID code with the receiver, the ID code being received on the first channel during the second time period;

if a user instruction is received during the second time period, activate the receiver during the second time period to extract and store the ID code; and

automatically tune to a second channel after the first period if the stored ID code is detected on the second channel.

19. **(Previously Presented)** A television receiver operable to receive a plurality of television channels, the receiver comprising:

means for receiving a first broadcast television program, the first broadcast television program being received on a first channel during a first time period and receiving a commercial corresponding to a second television program with the receiver, the commercial being received on the first channel during a second time period, the second time period being within the first time period;

means for detecting an ID code with the receiver, the ID code being received on the first channel during the second time period;

means for activating the receiver during the second time period to extract and store the ID code if a user instruction is received during the second time period; and

means for automatically tuning to a second channel after the first period if the stored ID code is detected on the second channel.

20. **(Previously Presented)** The television receiver of claim 19, wherein the means for receiving the first broadcast is an automatic tuner.